2. Instructions have been issued to bus operators to install speed governers at a maximum speed of 40 kilometers per hour on their vehicles.

3. Radars have been procured to check over speeding by the buses and buses crossing maximum speed limit are prosecuted.

4. Strict enforcement is being done and State Transport Authority takes action for suspension & cancellation of the permits of buses including Redlines involved in accidents under section 86 of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. In all about 190 permits have been suspended/cancelled so far. Following number of challans have been made by the Enforcement Staff against Redline buses:

1993	—	13528
1994	—	22381
1995 (till July)	—	23200

5. Besides suspension of permits of Redline buses involved in fatal accidents, 6718 drivers were arrested and 4925 vehicles impounded from 1.1.94 to 31.7.95.

Statement II

Number of persons killed by Redlines during last 12 Months

Month	Number of persons killed
August, 1994	16
September	24
October	20
November	16
December	16
January, 1995	28
February	22
March	25
April	26
May	29
June	21
July	25
TOTAL:	268

Training to Apprentices

2184. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the Railways Act Apprentices are recruited for training according to the requirement and to be absorbed against regular working posts;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Apprentices of Danapur Division of Eastern Railway who passed and were declared fit for absorption through 61st All India Trade Test are not being absorbed uptill now while they have completed training in November, 1994 and DRM Danapur is still waiting for the decision regarding sanction of G.M. Eastern Rly. from CPO, ER, Calcutta; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and by when they will be absorbed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The Indian Railways' Act does not provide for training and recruitment of Apprentices. Training of Apprentices is governed by Apprentices Act, 1961. In accordance with the Apprentices Act, 1961 it is not obligatory for the Railways to offer employment to the Act Apprentices including those who received training on Danapur Division. However, as per rules, course completed Act apprentices are considered along with new eligible candidates against the direct recruitment of 25% of the total vacancies of artisans as and when recruitments are notified and they apply against the same.